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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication responds to a final office action dated December 18, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Enclosed is a request for a three month extension of time to extend the response date to June 18, 2003, and the requisite fee. If the request is absent or if any additional fees are due, please consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.18 from Account No. 19-0741. Additionally enclosed is a Notice of Appeal and the requisite fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 8, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

1. (Twice Amended) A composition for use in eliciting an effective immune response to LHRH said composition comprising a LHRH- conjugated to diphtheria toxoid and adsorbed to an ionic polysaccharide wherein said LHRH is an amino acid sequence of at